

REMARKS**I. Status of Claims**

Claims 1, 2 and 10 are currently pending.

By this amendment, claims 1-2 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 10 has been rewritten into independent, allowable form.

No new matter is believed to have been added by this Amendment. Upon entry of this paper, claim 10 would be pending.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Narisawa (US 5,749,000). These claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

III. Objected Claims

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 10 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of base claim 1. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, the Applicant has amended claim 10 to incorporate the subject matter of base claim 1 so as to place the claim in independent, allowable form.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5350.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5350.

Respectfully submitted,
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